

April 23, 1981

LB 326, 394

SENATOR NICHOL: The Warner amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kremer, what do you want to do with the bill?

SENATOR KREMER: Now Mr. Chairman, I move that LB 326 be advanced as I explained it.

SENATOR NICHOL: We are now voting on the advancement of LB 326 from General File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record please.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 1 nay Mr. President on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: LB 326 is advanced from General to Select File or to E & R Initial. We will move on now to 394.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 394 was introduced by Richard Maresh, Senator Vickers and Senator Eirco Hefner. Read title of bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Hefner, are you going to handle the amendments? Oh, Senator Maresh, excuse me.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you Mr. Chairman. LB 394 has quite a few amendments and I move the amendments...the committee amendments be adopted. LB 394 retains the original 394 provision cutting the weekly benefit amounts in half for those individuals who leave work voluntarily without good cause. Number two, adds the provisions out of LB 337 raising benefits to \$116 and also eliminating the bottom two levels of the unemployment benefit table. Number three, it adds the provisions of LB 337 which raises the amount of wages necessary to qualify for unemployment benefits to \$1,200 in the base period with \$300 in each of the two calendar quarters in the base period. This hasn't been changed since 1963 so it is time that this would be increased because of inflation. Number four, adds a new section which makes the disqualification for voluntarily quits and discharge for misconduct applicable only to the separation from the most recent work. Thus individuals